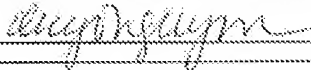


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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2006 in the above-identified United States Patent Application for which a response was due on December 5, 2006. Filed herewith is a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 5, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.